

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device comprising:

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a first hollow body with an end and side wall a bottom and sides;  
gas generants filled densely in the first hollow body;  
5 an electric ignitor formed by housing igniting agents in a second hollow body with an end a side wall  
bottom and sides, and closing the second hollow body with a plug; and  
a holder positioning the second hollow body in a center of the first hollow body and  
fixing fixed to the first hollow body while holding the plug of the electric ignitor, wherein  
a ratio of an empty space volume to a full volume of a space partitioned defined by an  
inner surface of the first hollow body, an outer surface of the second hollow body, and the  
holder is less than 20% by volume.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are powdery or granulated, and filled in a compression compressed state.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein a part of the full volume is filled with a spacer inserted between outer surfaces of the sides the outer surface of the second hollow body and the inner surface surfaces of the sides of the first hollow body.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein a part of <sup>the</sup> ~~the full volume~~ is filled with a spacer inserted between the outer surfaces of the sides-surface of the second hollow body and the inner surfaces of the sides-surface of the first hollow body.

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are compressed ~~in advance~~ and filled in the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein the gas generants are compressed ~~in advance~~ and filled in the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants, being are substantially ~~incompressible or hard to compress~~, and ~~are filled~~ densely and a part of <sup>the</sup> ~~the full volume~~ is filled with a spacer inserted between the outer surfaces of the sides-surface of the second hollow body and the inner surface of the sides-surface of the first hollow body.

Claim 13 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 8, wherein said spacer is made of a gas generant composition.

Claim 14 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 9, wherein said spacer is made of a gas generant composition.

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Claim 15 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein said volume ratio is [preferably] less than 15%.

Claim 16 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 15, wherein said volume ratio is [most preferably] less than 10%.

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